

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-27, 29-31 and 33-48 were pending and presented for examination. In an Office Action dated December 31, 2007 all pending claims were rejected. Applicants are amending claim 2 in this response to now depend from claim 1. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter this amendment. In view of the Amendments herein and the Remarks that follow, Applicants respectfully request that Examiner reconsider all outstanding rejections and withdraw them.

Response to Rejection Under 35 USC 103(a) in View of Blanco and Lowitz

Examiner rejects claims 1, 3, 5-27, and 36-48 under 35 USC § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0064935 to Blanco (“Blanco”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,485,554 to Lowitz, et al. (“Lowitz”). Claims 2, 29-31, and 33-35 are further rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable in view of Blanco, Lowitz, and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0249650 (“Freedman”). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites:

A system for permitting user interaction with media data analysis and media representation generation, the system comprising:

a user interface for receiving instructions from a user to control an analysis of media content and generation of a printable representation of the media content;

a media analysis module communicatively coupled to the user interface, the media analysis module configured to analyze features of the media content based at least in part on the instructions received from the user;

a media representation generation module for generating a printable representation of the media content based at least in part on the analyzed features from the media analysis module and the instructions received from the user; and

an output device for printing the printable representation of the media content to a tangible medium.

Claim 27 recites a method having similar features. The claimed invention would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention in view of Blanco and Lowitz because the references fail to disclose or suggest each limitation of the claims. For example, the cited references do not disclose or suggest:

“...a media analysis module communicatively coupled to the user interface, the media analysis module configured to **analyze features of the media content** based at least in part on the instructions received from the user;...”

The Examiner fails to indicate any portion of the cited references that mentions **analyzing features of media content**. The Examiner alleges that Blanco discloses a media analysis module configured to analyze features of media content at paragraph [0053] of Blanco. However, the cited section merely discloses that a user can view contents of a memory area 416 and adjust settings of a settings area 418. Neither the memory area 416 nor the settings area 418 is equivalent to a media analysis module because the memory area 416 and settings area 418 do not **analyze features of the media content** as claimed.

Furthermore, both references fail to disclose or suggest:

“...a user interface for receiving instructions from a user to control **an analysis of media content** and generation of a printable representation of the media content.”

The Examiner indicates that the limitation is disclosed at paragraph [0007] of Blanco. However, the cited portion only discloses an application for a gaming system that allows a user to create soundtracks for playback during gaming. The gaming system in Blanco does not perform any **analysis of the media content**, nor does the user interface allow a user to control **an analysis of media content**.

The Examiner acknowledges that Blanco fails to disclose **generating a printable representation of the media content based on analyzed features and the instructions**. Instead, the Examiner points to Lowitz, col. 5 line 60 to col. 6 line 8. At the cited section, Lowitz discloses the use of function keys 238, 240 to print single frames or a sequence of frames from a video. However, Lowitz does not analyze any features of the media content. Instead, the printed frames are a direct reproduction of the video. Thus, like Blanco, Lowitz fails to disclose or suggest generating a printable representation **based on analyzed features**.

For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 27 are patentably distinguishable over the cited reference. Dependent claims 3, 5-27, and 36-48 incorporate all the limitations of their respective base claims and are patentable over Blanco and Lowitz for at least the same reasons as above.

In the rejection to dependent claims 2, 29-31 and 33-35 the Examiner further relies on Freedman. However, Freedman also fails to remedy the deficiencies of Blanco and Lowitz discussed above. Freedman generally discloses a system for analyzing customer interactions with various units within a business environment (Freedman, [0013]-[0014]). Like Blanco and Lowitz, Freedman fails to provide any disclosure or suggestion of analyzing features of media content based on instructions received from a user or generating a printable representation of media content based at least in part on the analyzed features and the instructions received from the user. Therefore, claims 2, 29-31, and 33-35 are also patentable over the cited references.

Conclusion

In sum, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims, as presented herein, are patentably distinguishable over the cited references. Therefore, Applicants request reconsideration of the basis for the rejections to these claims and request allowance of them. In addition, Applicants respectfully invite Examiner to contact Applicants' representative at the number provided below if Examiner believes it will help expedite furtherance of this application.

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